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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SUBJECT: Presentation on Status of Reconnaissance
and Early Warning Satellite Programs

The President has indicated that he thought it would be useful to have a discussion in the National Security Council of the current status of the Reconnaissance and Early Warning Satellite Programs in relation to existing policy and future plans and problems.

As a basis for such a discussion, it would appear desirable to have a Department of Defense presentation, presumably by Dr. York, on the status of these programs and future plans and problems. Following such a presentation, Dr. Kistiakowsky would be called upon to comment further on the technical aspects of the programs. My present thinking is that such presentations might be scheduled for an NSC meeting shortly after the President returns from his Latin American trip during the first week in March. Of course, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would be invited to participate in this NSC meeting.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these suggested arrangements with you or anyone you may wish to designate to work with me on them.

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